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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1891.

THE GOVERNOR.

For some days past it has been an open
secret that Sir W. Dxs Vaux, on account
of increasing ill health and acting on
medical advice, had determined to leave
Hongkong for good and to resign the
governorship. His Excellency at one
time hoped that a trip to and a short
stay in Japan would brace up his failing
strength sufficiently to enable him to

serve out the remainder of his term
of office, but unfortunately that hope
has not been realised and he has
resolved, wisely we think, to abandon
for the time being at least, all official cares
and responsibilities and seek rest and
tranquillity in a climate more suitable to
the infirmities to which it is understood he
has been a victim for years past. Whatever
our political views and differences may
have been, and however much we deplore
the unfortunate and untenable position
taken up by Governor Dxs Vaux on the
Military Contribution "squeeze" as special
pleader for Downing Street, we cannot but
admire the sturdy and independent attitude
he has invariably assumed on all public
questions with which he has had to deal,
and the willingness he has ever shown,
excepting in this one bitter dispute, to
listen to reason and to do all in his power,
consistent with his obligations to the
Colonial Office, to meet the views and
study the best interests of the Hongkong
community. Although not altogether free
from prejudices, and admittedly somewhat
inclined to autocratic methods of over-riding
other people's opinions, he has worked hard
and conscientiously and, notwithstanding
his one fatal error, has fairly earned
general popularity amongst all classes.
Under brighter auspices Sir WILLIAM Dxs
Vaux might have been a model ruler of
Hongkong; but circumstances and the fates
have been against him almost from the day
of his arrival, and his departure, although
regretted, will scarcely be felt as a political
factor outside the inner circles of official-
dom. It is stated that, accompanied by Lady
Dxs Vaux, whose well deserved popularity
has never been exceeded by the wife of
any previous governor, and his family,
His Excellency will leave here early next
month, and that probably Major-General
Digby BARKER will temporarily assume
the reins of Government, although this
latter report can at present be only a
matter of surmise. Under any circum-
stances the Governor and Lady Dxs Vaux,
wherever their future lots may be cast,
can rest assured that they carry with
them the goodwill and best wishes of the
Hongkong community.

TELEGRAMS.

BISMARCK REDIVIVUS.

LONDON, April 17th.
Prince Bismarck has been returned for
incurable.

INFLUENZA IN ENGLAND.

A severe outbreak of influenza has occurred in
Birmingham accompanied by great mortality.
In Hull business is impeded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Seymour*, Capt. W. H. Hall, left this
morning for a cruise.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left
Singapore for this port on the 18th inst. at noon.

The Choral Society will repeat "The Con-
trabandista" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall,
this evening.

THERE were 398 deaths registered in the colony
during March. Of these ten were Europeans,
including one each from the Army and Navy.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ending April 19th, are:
—Europeans 184, Chinese 1,834; total 2,018.

We note that it is proposed to construct a "storm
water drain" in Lee House Lane, from the top of
Duddell Street to the face of the present Praya
Wall.

THE taking of the census of this colony, by a
special order of the Governor in Council, has
been postponed from the 30th April to the 20th
May. Amen!

WE are informed by the agent of the Messageries
Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Sydney*,
with the next French mail, left Saigon yesterday
at 9 a.m. for this port.

At a meeting held at Messrs. Carmichael & Co.'s,
on Saturday evening, by a number of civilians,
it was unanimously agreed to give a compli-
mentary dance to the Garrison Staff on the 30th
April in the City Hall.

It is announced that the Shah of Persia visits
India next cold weather on his way to the
Chicago exhibition via the Pacific, returning
home through Europe. If so, his Royal Highness
will probably call here.

YESTERDAY afternoon a *lukung* dropped across
a wily Celestial attempting to carry away one of
the boats which had just been placed in
position in Robinson Road. Mr. Wise sent the
Water Authority to go for seven days.

FANCY the Duke of Cambridge doing police duty!
Yet a Bangkok contemporary announces that
H. E. Phya Surasak, the Commander-in-Chief
of the Siam Army, had started for Korat and
Eastern Laos, to suppress the bands of
robbers with which those provinces are infested.

WONG CHONG, who was arrested by Inspector
Corcoran at Shaikwan on the 23rd March last,
with being concerned in the *Namoa* piracy, was
again remanded by Mr. Wise this morning for
another week. Chang Sing U, who was arrested
on the 6th inst., on a similar charge, was also
remanded for a similar period.

THE Band of the 1st Argyll and Sutherland High-
landers will play the following programme at
the Officers' Mess to-morrow, commencing at
7.45 p.m.:—

Overture .. "Rob Roy" .. Bishop.
March .. "The British Grenadiers" .. Lord.
March .. "The Canadian Air" .. Lord.
March .. "The Canadian Air" .. Lord.
Selection .. "Falls of Fannich" .. Lord.

It may interest the authorities to know that an
influential Chinese gentleman in Bangkok
informed a contemporary the other day that he
was convinced that the majority of the *Namoa*
pirates were at that present moment in Bangkok.
If they are, says the *Gazette*, it only shows their
good sense. "They are as safe there as in the
centre of Africa."

THE agents (Messrs. Carlowitz & Co.) inform
us that the Navigazione Generale Italiana
steamer *Bermida* left Singapore for this port
to-day, and may be expected on the 27th inst.

A COUPLE of Chinese passengers from Singapore,
who arrived by the steamer *Gwalior* yesterday,
were this morning sent to gaol for three months
each for robbing a box and stealing \$63, the
property of a fellow-passenger on the way up.

THE person who sends us what is intended for
a skit on the Criterion Dining Saloon in
Pottinger Street, has evidently a good deal to
learn in the way of decency and good manners.
Coarse allusions and filthy suggestions are not
well.

A LETTER from the French Consul to the
Governor, notifying the establishment in Saigon
of the "Institut Microbiologique et de Vaccina-
tion," is published in the *Government Gazette*
of Saturday. We gave full particulars of this
Pasteur's Institute several weeks ago.

THE *Star* *Gazette* states that Prince Damrong,
Minister of Education, will start next month for
St. Petersburg. He is the bearer of the highest
Siamese order to the Emperor of Russia. On
his way home he intends to visit England with
a view of studying the system of education there.

A RICKSHA coiled named Chan Lal was charged
at the Police Court to-day with furiously driving
his vehicle on Saturday last, whereby Wong Pui
was knocked down and seriously injured. The
complainant being under treatment at the
hospital, Mr. Wise remanded the case till Friday,
granting defendant bail in the sum of \$50.

MR. E. W. MAITLAND, Hon. Treasurer of the
Alice Memorial Hospital, begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donations to the funds
of the Hospital:—Man On Insurance Company,
Limited, \$50; Messrs. Abdoolly Ebrahim and
Company, \$25; Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co., \$25;
H. L. Denny, Esq., \$25; and C. Ewens, Esq., \$10.

LAST Saturday afternoon one of the water mains
situated at the top of Glenelly steps, close to the
Roman Catholic Cathedral, burst, and upwards
of 100 tons of water were in consequence wasted
before the flow was stopped. This is another
instance of the slipshod way in which the mains
were laid; but it doesn't matter much, seeing that
there is plenty of water in the Tiatan reservoir!

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"The difference
between a thoroughly sound well written news-
paper with some backbone, and a wretched
discoloured never better contrasted than by the
Telegraph and *China Mail* of Saturday
night. The former was worthy of the *Hongkong
Telegraph* in its best days, the latter was fit to
be wrapped round a stick of dynamite."

At the Magistrate's this morning, William Frost
was charged with secreting himself on board the
American ship *Pactolus* at Shanghai, thereby
obtaining a surreptitious passage without the
consent of W. Bendle, master of the said ship.
The defendant admitted the charge, but in view
of his being an American subject, Mr. Wise
remanded the case till to-morrow, allowing bail
in one surety of \$25.

MR. CARL HEINRICH W. WALLIS, of No. 5
Wellington Street, has formally applied for a
license to sell intoxicating liquors "as an adjunct
to his business as restaurateur" at the address
above. A special session of the Great Council
will be held on Tuesday the 28th inst. to decide
the lucky question—whether or not another
"pub" is required in the district of which
Wellington Street is a centre.

THE Hongkong Rifle Association competition
for the Short Range Handicap Cup and Spoons
was held on Saturday last. Some good shooting
was made at 500 yards, but the rain spoilt the
scores at 600 yards. Mr. C. Ford won the cup
and 500 yards spoon, Col. Sgt. T. Boyd win-
ning the 600 yards spoon. There were 15
competitors, and the best four scores are
appended:—

	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total.	Aggregate.
Mr. C. Ford	10	10	20	10
Mr. C. Ford	10	10	20	10
Mr. C. Ford	10	10	20	10
Mr. C. Ford	10	10	20	10

Thus a correspondent—I have just looked over
that remarkable specimen of arithmetic in your
of the 19th inst. I have heard say that in
ladies' arithmetic two and two make five, or
even more, and three times five will make a
score. "Lady Reader's" answer gives truth
to this statement. 4 is the square root of 16, the
required square multiplied by three. The
square of 4 is 16 the half of which 8, multiplied
by 3 is equal to 24 according to Cocker, but 84
by ladies' arithmetic. Again 28 multiplied by 3
is 84, 2/3 of 84 is 56, which multiplied by 3
produces 72 according to Cocker, but 84 by
ladies' arithmetic. Will "Lady Reader" try
again, using Cocker, and show where the error
is?

THE London council of the Shipmasters' and
Officers' Federation of Great Britain sat for seven
days in succession last month, to consider the
condition of the British Merchant Service. The
session concluded with the following resolutions:
(1)—To move for returns of navigating officers'
wages for the last 10 years. (2)—To recommend
the strict enforcement of discipline—neglect of
which is endangering life and property. (3)—To
take means to improve the education and
professional status of officers. (4)—To cause an
improvement in the arrangements for provision-
ing ships bound on long voyages. (5)—To
improve the electoral position of the Merchant
Service. (6)—To reform the manner of conducting
casualty inquiries.

A WHILE ago the French Government ceased to
subsidize the "Havas" supply of telegrams
to Hongkong, promising residents to increase the
number of official "wires" to make up for it. From
that time scarcely a word has been cable from
France to the Eastern Colonies, much to the
general indignation. To make up for this one
of the papers published a series of satirical bogus
telegrams, such as "Sarah Bernhardt is
demanding three millions from the Duchess
d'Uzes to form a corps of volunteers in Tonquin;
of which she will take command." "The
"Brownie" of the Manila press gravely trans-
lated these "messages," and now, when he
reads what the *Courier d'Haiphong* says about
him he will feel unwell. Meanwhile we are
anxious to know how "Sarah" will take it when
she hears.

THE case of the widow and five orphans of the
late Bombardeur Ashdown, Royal Artillery, has
been taken up by the Non-Commissioned Officers
and men of the Garrison, and a working Com-
mittee, with Mr. Meredith, the Garrison Sergeant-
Major, at the head, are arranging a very nice
series of concerts under the patronage of His
Excellency Major-General G. Digby Barker and
Officers of the Garrison. The first will be given
in the Garrison Theatre on Wednesday night,
the second will take place at the City Hall the
following evening, and will followed by the
production of Offenbach's "Blind Beggar," in
which Mrs. Coxon, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Gordon,
Miss Howard, Miss Lammert, Miss Pollard and
several gentlemen have kindly consented to
assist. On the two succeeding nights the
Garrison Theatre will be used. We also note
with pleasure that Saturday night's concert will
be given in aid of the funds of the late
Military Instructor Ryan, of the Police.

THE master of a licensed cargo-boat was charged
at the Police Court this morning with being in
possession of a quantity of chain and other
articles, supposed to have been taken from the
wreck of the *Namoa* on Saturday last. The
accused was arrested on board his boat by a
lukung of the Water Police yesterday, and the
case was remanded till Friday.

WE have rarely come across a clearer exposition
of the law of libel as regards newspaper criticism
of public performers than that recently given in
the Scotch Courts by Lord Stormonth Darling,
in dismissing an action brought against the
Scottish Leader by Miss Georgina Burns, of
the Carl Rosa Opera Company, in which the
lady claimed \$1,000 damages for a critique she
alleged to be libellous. His lordship said:—"Every
member of the public has the right, and
newspapers have no higher right in this matter
than ordinary citizens, to criticize any kind of
public performer, using the term in its widest
sense—favorably or unfavorably, wisely or
foolishly, justly or unjustly, so long as the criticism
is fair—that is, so long as it is criticism and not
mere abuse or invective under the guise of criticism
and so long as it is an expression of opinion
which, however erroneous, an ordinary man
might reasonably entertain."

ON Saturday evening a small and very repre-
sentative assembly of gentlemen interested in
the "manly art" met in the Kowloon Hotel, to
witness a couple of sparring contests promoted
by Mr. C. Robinson, a prominent amateur
fighter of the century. The first item on the
programme was a four-round contest between
Messrs. Beckett and Thomas, for a silver cup.
Both men scaled about 1st. 11b., and were in
good condition, and hard knocks were the order
of the hour. Beckett forced the fighting during
the first three rounds, by which time he was
boxed to a standstill. When the last round was
commenced Thomas opened out with a heavy
blow on the "ma-k," which tied his opponent
in a knot, and left him unable to finish the
round. The second event was a six-round
contest, for a silver cup, between an Unknown
and a young amateur named Lunney. Both
men scaled about 9st. 7lb., and an exhibition of
skill was witnessed such as has rarely been
equalled among local amateurs. The Unknown
had a terribly quick right, and was extremely
nimble on his feet, whilst Lunney was a
thoroughly good all-round man. A very warm
series of rounds were witnessed, and there was
very little between the men when time was
called. Lunney adjudged—with some dis-
service—the victory. The evening wound up
with a short exhibition by Robinson and Ben-
J. Taylor, a local veteran, the former scoring
pretty heavily. At the conclusion a well-known
patron of sport presented the prizes, which
included a handsome "consolation" for the
Unknown. The very satisfactory and orderly
arrangements did credit to the organizer, who
will probably be induced to promote other com-
petitions before long.

"THE CONTRABANDISTA" AT
THE THEATRE ROYAL.

For the past fourteen years the community
of this colony has been mainly indebted to the
members of the Choral Society for amusement
in the operatic and musical line generally during
the winter months. Prior to 1877 the efforts of
the Society were confined to strictly musical work,
its public performances consisting of concerts
with selections from operas and oratorios, and
occasional cantatas, and it is no reflection on any-
body living or dead to say that these perfor-
mances were almost invariably of a low order, and
were received with that apathetic indifference
which is invariably displayed at local concerts,
even when there is such a world-renowned
vocalist as Madame Patey as a special attraction.
The musical talent of the Choral Society has
never within living memory attained a particu-
larly elevated standard—a standard that would
enable its members to successfully grapple with
and do full justice to such classical productions
as oratorio or high-class legitimate opera.
No such ranks have numbered many
clever and accomplished musicians, but
looking back through the vista of long years
we can remember only about half-a-dozen who
had any pretensions as solo vocalists to appear
before a public audience in such master-pieces
as "The Messiah," "Sabbath Master," "Elijah"
etc., or even in the modern dramatic com-
positions of Verdi, Bellini, Rossini and other
masters of the Italian school. It was in 1877,
if we remember rightly, that the then president
of the Society, Mr. J. B. Coughtrie, accurately
reporting the state of affairs, suggested the
efforts of the members into a fresh channel by
introducing as a study the latest production in
fashionable comic opera. The result of this
new departure was a most successful performance
of "Trial by Jury," the first of the celebrated
Gilbert and Sullivan series, at the Lyceum
Theatre, and this was followed in succeeding
years at the City Hall by "Pinafore," "The
Sorcerer," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Iolanthe"
"The Gondoliers," the last named being
produced only two months ago. Comic opera
may not be quite the proper province of a choral
society, and we can imagine that Sullivan's music
may fail to satisfy the high-toned aspirations of
would-be classical vocalists like the gentleman
who recently aired his views in our morning
contemporary; but we do know that it has
proved a great attraction to the Hongkong public
and has been the means of preventing the Choral
Society from collapsing years ago.

Last Saturday night the Society presented a
novelty in the way of musical entertainment,
and Sullivan's "Contrabandista," the Theatre
Royal being crowded by a large and appreci-
ative audience which included His Excel-
lency the Governor and Lady Dxs Vaux,
Major-General Digby Barker, and other leading
residents. "The Contrabandista" which was
originally produced at St. George's Hall,
London, in December 1867, can scarcely be
described as a brilliant production, although it is
not without special merits. It was fairly popular
when first played in London, and on several
occasions in the early seventies the present writer
witnessed performances at the Park and Gaiety
Theatres; but no doubt its popularity was over-
shadowed by the far more brilliant series of
productions in which Gilbert and Sullivan
collaborated. "The Contrabandista" is con-
structed on very much the same lines as Gilbert's
famous travesties, and it very probably suggested
the leading idea in "The Pirates of Penzance";
but the ponderous style of the latter is quite a
different article to the trenchant wit and
humorous devices of his more accomplished
rival. What serves for a plot in "The
Contrabandista" requires a great deal of finding,
and after you have found it, there is very little
room for descriptive writing. The scene is laid
in the mountains in Spain, and the audience
are introduced to a robber's haunt, where we
find a Queen of the *ladrones*, supposed to be
the hands of *Count Vasquez*, a captain in
the Spanish Guards. *Rita*, the betrothed
of the *Count*, is a captive and held to ransom,
and as this couple have really nothing to do with
the argument it is useless to follow their fortunes
Sancho and *Yack*, the first robbers of the gang,
are taken in love with the Queen, and as the
question as to which should succeed the defence
chief is that lady's affections and in consequence

of the band had ended in a dead-heat on being
put to the vote, the office of captain was held in
abeyance until chance threw some stranger
in the way, who, according to precedent and
the law of the *ladrones*, must become the chief
and marry *Inez*. This opens the way for
the appearance of the stranger in the person of
Mr. Griggs, a Cockney tourist, who is studying
art, photographic art, in Spain. He falls into
the hands of the *ladrones*, and becomes their
chief and the betrothed of the Queen. And that
is about all we need relate. After a variety of
incidents more or less amusing, including a
Spanish dance, the *cachucha*, which was most
admirably performed by Mesdames Ground-
water, A. More, and H. Humphreys, and
Miss Kate Aiken, and what were described in
the advertisement as "four new figures," the
robbers are surprised by soldiers, *Rita*
and *Griggs* are rescued, and all ends
well, the *ladrones* of course being pardoned
by special decree. The action of the opera runs
very smoothly in the first act, but drags heavily
at last, and even Sullivan's generally tuneful
musical numbers fail to make it "go" with the
necessary dash to ensure unqualified success.

However, it gives us pleasure to be able to
speak favorably of the production of "The
Contrabandista" by the members of the Choral
Society. Taken all round, the piece was
effectively handled, and the success achieved
reflects great credit on the management. A
better stage set than "The Robbers' Haunt,"
has seldom if ever been seen on the Hong-
kong stage, and for this, we believe, honors
are divided between that enthusiastic follower of
Theophrastus, Mr. Jas. B. Coughtrie, and the veteran
Mr. Baptista. The opera was most picturesquely
dressed, but two or three of the ferocious *ladrones*
considerably spoiled effect by making up prettily.
It is a crying fault with amateur performers,
especially those who are not strikingly beautiful
in everyday life, to fret their weary hour on the
stage disguised as *Adonises*, and as Spanish
robbers are not usually built that way, the stage
manager should cast a watchful eye over the
rank and file under his command. The desire
to look too utterly lovely may perhaps be
excusable as a tribute to that unconscious
feeling of vanity which all humankind possesses to
a greater or lesser degree, but it is not play-
acting, and it is not good taste, in a wooden-
headed and generally wooden "super," to be
supposed to be a ferocious brigand, to eclipse
the lily and vie with the rose in a personal
love-dance that is so conspicuously the product
of rouge and grease paint. We may feel dis-
posed to name the male solo beauties of
"The Robbers' Haunt" the next time we are
called upon to criticize. Apart from this little
defect—to which we would not have thought it
worth while to direct attention but for the large
lucres of the pretty ones—since the performance
of "The Gondoliers" the members of both sexes
who appeared as robbers, soldiers, peasants, &c.,
did excellent work and can honestly claim a
small share in the victory won. In the choruses
they sang well, and the grouping in the various
tableaux was capital indeed. We have already
referred to the enthusiastic reception accorded to
the graceful and effective dancing of the
cachucha, but consider it necessary to add a
special word of praise to the far-sighted gen-
tleman, with whose identity we are not acquainted,
for substituting this lively measure instead of
the backbone *bolero*, a sort of tango, third-
class waltz, bolero, &c., which was the
Ternisorean red danced in the original pro-
duction before the sprightly and mettlesome
of the defunct *Ferdinand de Roxas*.

Now for a few words about the principals,
and not to give offence in the matter of
precedence to the ultra-sensitive—and what
budding amateur can claim exemption from
that category—we will take them in the order
they appear on the programme. Mr. George
Lammert was a charming *Vasquez*, so far as
"look-see pigskin" went, but he was too young
and altogether too beautiful for the brave and
hardy Captain of the Spanish Guard who
"knocked out" the redoubtable and bloodthirsty
Ferdinand de Roxas in the first round. Mr.
Holliday might have done it, if in his 1868 form,
but the velvet novice would have laid long odds
on the "pet of the *ladrones*" sending Saturday
night's *Count Vasquez* to sleep in about the
shortest time on record. And captains in
the Spanish Guard don't as a rule look like boys
of 18, as we can testify from experience. It is
with grief we say it, but Mr. C. B. Lammert is
much of an actor; what he might do if he tried
is a matter of uncertainty, and as he didn't try,
on Saturday the referee reserves judgment.
Mr. Lammert, indifferent exponent of the his-
trionic art as he certainly is, can sing to some
purpose, and in that department he fairly
excelled himself, the *aria* "Wake, gentle maiden"
at the opening of the second act being one
of the gems of the entire representation. It
was quite a treat to welcome back to the
scene of his former successes, that able
and experienced actor, Mr. C. T. Holliday,
good many years have elapsed since this
gentleman last trod the boards of the City Hall,
but it was quickly apparent that he had been
keeping his hand in in other circles. Mr. Holliday
is an admirable actor, in *Sancho* he had a part
that suited him down to the ground, and he made
the most of it. His make-up and general look
ensemble, his thorough appreciation of the
irresistible laugh and incessant "playing-up"
to his colleagues, were admirable in every
way, and he richly deserved the hearty encores
elicited by his most powerful rendering of a
song which was judiciously introduced—at
all events it is not in the original edition—
and in which he told the audience what he
would do if he were "Captain of the Band."
Mr. Holliday has a powerful bass voice, and
he sang splendidly. Mr. R. H. Smythe has
probably had a very hard experience on the stage,
but withal he tried very hard to give an ad-
vantage of the first-robber *Yack*, and his en-
semble is entitled to very cordial commendation.
He was no doubt a trifle stiff and angular in his
movements; but these drawbacks are insepa-
rable from the novice, and Mr. Smythe acted
with both spirit and intelligence, and his very
pleasant baritone voice was quite equal to
the musical requirements of his part. The
Mr. Griggs of Mr. Lightwood shared the
highest honors of the representation. This clever comedy
has never appeared to better advantage. Indeed
it is doubtful if he has ever played so well. Mr.
Lightwood, as was only to be expected, conceived
the character of the Cockney tourist to the life,
and it was a true picture he presented on the
stage—of course making allowance for the
difference between real life and operatic extra-
vagance. In appearance, manner, gesture, facial
expression—in fact, in everything necessary for the
effective carrying out of his idea, Mr. Lightwood
left nothing for carping critics to find fault with.
Hongkong's leading comedian is not a flyer in
the singing

LIFE IN VICTORIA GAOL.

(Continued.)

"But that I am forlorn
To tell the secrets of my prison-house,
I could a tale unfold . . ."

Hamlet.

"Early to bed, and early to rise" is the motto in the Gaol, and at 5.45 a.m. little bells at the entrance to each corridor ring out the imperative order to get up. On a cold morning in winter, when the stars have not yet disappeared, and the cell is as dark as Erebus, getting-up is a trial. Dressing has to be hurried through, for the toilet of the cell remains to be made. The granite-slab mattress is rolled up, and the blankets must then be folded neatly as neatly as a handkerchief—no easy task in the dark, especially if one hasn't been a soldier, and learnt how it is done. At six o'clock the cell-gate is opened, and the bedding, replaced in the centre of the corridor. On the first morning the prisoner does not go down to work, but takes a little walking exercise round a gallery to give him an appetite for breakfast, which is served at 6.30. It is not too rich for the most rebellious digestion. It consists of a hunk of bread and a cloudy tin can full of "tea." They say the Chinese prisoners get worse "tea" than foreign prisoners, but I find it difficult to realise anything more vile from the dejection as we know it. Of course it isn't sweetened—it is sufficient, surely, that it is something "wet and warm." From breakfast-time the over-fed *detenue* sits doing nothing again until about 9.30, when he is sent round to the corridor used as a hospital, to be examined by the Doctor to see if he is fit for hard labour. He sees the crowd of sick, lame, and lazy who are waiting to be treated, and a most repulsive lot they look. Some seem almost impenetrable, others are decrepit, or two will be hobbling about waiting for the effects of the last flogging to evaporate. And doesn't the place smell! Well, by-and-bye the Doctor arrives, directs the treatment of the afflicted, scarifies the malingerers, grants a little extra or better food to those who have lost over ten pounds in weight, and clears the deck for the new-comers. Our friend has his chest sounded, his diaphragm gently pumched, or something of that sort, and being found sound in wind and limb, is certified as eligible for the healthy and exciting diversion of shot-drill and oakum-picking.

His next introduction is to the European yard. Here he finds about a score of prisoners, many of them belonging to the army and navy, and the rest consisting mainly of colored murderers and Portuguese embezzlers. There are also other European prisoners in gaol whom he does not see there—men who by good conduct or favour have earned the privilege of working in the printing office, or the tailors', carpenters', or bookbinders' shops. Then again men committed for seven or fourteen days, or detained on remand for hard labour, are not seen there, being up in their cells during the day. Our friend drops into the right away, as the preparations for enabling him to do so are easily made. Hard labour means oakum and shot *ad libitum*. Everybody knows what oakum is, but how it is made is not so generally known. In the first place an old cable or rope of any sort is chopped up into six-inch lengths, which are made up into little bundles of 12 or 24 ounces, "oakum weight." I say "oakum weight," because 12 ounces, weighed by that standard, according to my experience, equal about 15 ounces of food; but perhaps that is because the man who weighs the rope isn't so precise as the caterer. Each prisoner is supplied with a tiny sail-cloth apron, to put on his right knee and protect the valuable serge continuations; and a loop of string, which he puts round his foot and left knee, to hold a little wire hook in position. Then he takes one of the sections of rope and unscrews the strands until they are separated. I made an average calculation as to the number there are in the ordinary three-inch rope, and I forget the number now, but it is astonishing what a lot there are. Then he takes each strand, rolls it on the apron to untwist it, and "fiddles" it through the wire-hook to complete the loosening. The two operations make the slender shred become a big loose hank of hemp, which has then to be dissected until it becomes a little heap of tow, not much coarser than a red-headed woman's wig, if the simile is permissible. It is not a laborious task, but it is monotonously—shred, shred, shred, all the time, and when it is all done it is only worth about five cents a pound! After half an hour at that "five bells" will be heard, and all the prisoners drop their oakum to go to shot-drill. Under a penthouse in the yard, arranged in the form of a hollow square, are a number of blocks of wood, some six inches high and four feet apart, with a hollow in the top in which rests a 16 lb. cannon-ball. Each man stands erect behind a block, and at a signal, given by one of the gaol clappers, his hands, like his legs, lift the shot ball—high in the air palm (the other hand supporting it beneath) in one place two places to the next block, put the shot down without noise, and straighten themselves again, to rest for two or three seconds. From 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., six times a minute for that and every alternate half-hour, except between 11 and 12 o'clock, that round is mechanically paced by the squad at their Sisyphian labor. Eleven o'clock is the dinner-hour. Three or four trestle-tables, each garnished with a wooden salt-cellar, are located in an angle of the wall, and at these, sitting on a wooden stool, such as it is, and handkerchiefs are unequalled in my experience, the men sit and devour their scanty fare as though they were eating against time—"forty feeding like one," all silent and all damned. The diet I shall deal with later on. "Dinner" over, the backward ones—the newcomers with blistered fingers—all up the rest of the hour pulling their oakum still finer, whilst the more expert sit and gaze at the sky, or at the tops of the houses visible over the high walls. At twelve the weary round is resumed, until, at 4.30, a head turner, with millions bearing scales, weighs the picked oakum to see if all that was given out is returned. If an ounce or two is unlicked he stops the delinquent's supper—he can do so even if it is not fine enough. Stuff which is worth a few cents a pound! But it is generally satisfactory, and everybody is dismissed to wash and exercise—if the eight half-hours of shot-filing haven't been exercise enough. At 3.45 supper is served, such as it is, and half an hour's grace is given afterwards for the men to walk round the yard and stretch their legs. A more depressing sight than half-a-score gray-clad pedestrians following each other round the forty-pace ring I can scarcely conceive. About 4.15 another head-turner calls the roll, and dismisses the men to their cells. As by half-a-dozen officers, who search them carefully and superficially, according to the probabilities of their having tobacco or bread to exchange for that luxury—concealed in their clothes. Having passed this ordeal they go to their cells, taking in their beds, and (if they are sufficiently well-educated to do so) read until the light fails, which it generally does very soon after five. Then one walks, or sits contemplatively, until six, and bed-time.

(From H.M. H.M.)

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. E. F. Acland, Acting Puisne Judge).

April 20th.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Nam Aki, found guilty of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, to a fellow-laborer during a quarrel, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

THE D'AGUILAR STREET ROBBERY.

Fan Aki, a *lukung* in the Water Police Force at the time of his arrest, having been found guilty of robbery from the person and larceny from a dwelling in D'Aguiar Street, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour on each count, the terms to be concurrent—and to receive three whippings of 25 strokes each within six months from this date.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Leung Ah Yon, shiphand of Praya Central, was further examined this morning. On opening the proceedings the Acting Registrar (Mr. Sangster) stated that Lau Chi Hing, who had been asked at the last meeting to assist in collecting the assets of the bankrupt, declined to do so, and it would therefore devolve upon the Official Assignee to do his best to get the money in.

Leung Ah Yon produced a letter dated the 3rd proximo, purporting to have come from the accountant of his Penang firm, in which the writer announced the failure of the business in Penang, and went on to say that he would endeavour to collect the outstanding local and coast-port accounts, and with funds thus accumulated discharge the liabilities of the firm in that colony.

The Acting Registrar ultimately adjourned the matter for two months.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. There were present: Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General) President; Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General) Vice-President; Dr. Ayres (Colonial Surgeon); Mr. Gen. Hopwood (Acting Captain Superintendent of P.I.C.); Dr. Cantile, and Messrs. Wong Shing, J. D. Humphreys, N. J. Edie, and Hugh MacCallum (Secretary).

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

LONDON, March 17th. Justin McCarthy presided at a banquet this evening at the Cannon-street Hotel. Cardinal Manning wrote a letter endorsing the action of the new party, and adding: "It was not for me to speak until the Bishops of Ireland, after a wise period of forbearance, uttered an authoritative decision, which I accepted as my own. I cannot without saying that I am a member of the re-organizing party."

McCarthy, speaking to the toast "Ireland a Nation," said: "I no more doubted that Ireland would settle this matter in the right way than I doubted my existence. At no time in their history have they enjoyed more thoroughly the sympathy and confidence of the great English Liberal Democratic party. Every day which passed has counted for their sake and for the nation's cause, against the desires of any small man. They stood for 'Ireland a Nation.'"

Michael Davitt, speaking at Blackburn, said Parnell would meet with a more thorough defeat in Sligo than he had met with in Kilkenny, and that at the general election he would have no following whatever. Lieutenant-General Newdegate, commander of the forces in Bermuda, writes to the *Times* emphatically denying the stories of a military uprising two months ago by the Leicestershire and prominent citizens also denounce the story as a baseless lie. The *Times*, in exclamation, says the despatch in question was furnished by the Dundas-Dalziel Agency.

A blue book issued by the Government to-day, discloses that one hundred and fifty-two peers of the realm are owners of places in which intoxicating drinks are sold. The number of "drink shops" owned by these peers is 1,532. Included in this list is the Right Rev. Richard Lewis, Bishop of London, who, the blue book discloses, owns two places devoted to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Papirs here, commenting on the acceptance by France of arbitration as a means of the settlement of the Newfoundland lobster controversy between that country and England, think it satisfactory, and just what Newfoundland should desire. PARIS, March 17th. The preamble of the Newfoundland bill, which was laid on the table in the Senate to-day, says that the Government has repeatedly against the English lobster factories on the French shore as contrary to existing treaties. The arbitration, it is added, ought to result in lasting conditions which will satisfy Newfoundland.

Princess Marianna Bonaparte, granddaughter of Napoleon I, died to-day at Ajaccio, Corsica. WASHINGTON, March 17th. Orders have been sent to the various receiving ships of the Navy to discontinue all enlistments for the present. This is because the legal limit of the service was within forty-two of the limit, and in order to provide for the continuous service of men who are allowed to re-enlist it was deemed advisable to call a halt before there would be no room left for these men. In order to make more room it was decided to discharge a number of men, whose terms of enlistment had nearly expired, of the *Galena*. About fifty men were to have been discharged upon the arrival of the ship at Portsmouth, but it is probable that they will be retained now until the end.

It is expected that if there should be no relief offered by legislation during the next Congress it will be impossible to properly man the vessels that have been ordered by name to participate in the grand naval review of 1893, in connection with the World's Fair. In other words, the Navy Department now has to face the fact that the gravity of the situation may be realized when it is stated that it is impossible to give the vessels in connection their full complement

Intimations.

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NEW PREMISES,
COLONIAL HOUSE.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1891.

CRITERION DINING SALOON.

PRICE LIST.		DINNER	
BREAKFAST	30 Cents.	Supper	50 Cents.
LUNCH	35 "	Supper	50 "
Beef steak, Plain	15	Mutton Chop, Tomato Sauce	20
Porter House Steak with	50	Roasted Chicken (half)	10
Mushrooms	10	Red Herrings	10
Mutton Chop, Plain	15	All Cold Meats	10
		WINE, SPIRITS, &c., &c.	
Champagne	\$1.00 per Quart.	Draught Ales and Stout	10 Cents per Glass.
Beer	40 "	Wines, Spirits, &c.	10 "
		Aerated Water	10 "

Proprietor E. FUCHS.

men. The new cruiser *Neuwerk* is about one hundred men short, and there is scarcely a vessel in the Navy with full complement of men. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Nettleton, referring to the refusal to allow gold bars to be exported to-day, said the action was taken with the full approval of the President, under the authority of the recent Act of Congress, giving the Secretary of the Treasury discretionary power to refuse such exchanges when deemed necessary for the interests of the Government. On the last exchange a charge of four cents per \$100 was imposed, but as this rate does not seem to have deterred the shipment of Government gold, the Treasury Department decided to discontinue exchange altogether for the present.

GIBRALTAR, March 17th. The British steamship *Utopia*, from Italian ports, bound for New York, with 700 Italian emigrants aboard, collided with the Swedish British ironclad *Reya*, anchored in Gibraltar Bay, and sank soon after. A southwest gale was blowing at the time. Many women and children were drowned. A large number, clinging to the rigging, have been rescued by boats from the channel squadron. Intense excitement prevails on shore.

On entering the bay the *Utopia*, before colliding with the *Reya*, ran into the British ironclad *Anson*. The *Utopia* sank within a few minutes. Boats were immediately lowered from the British ironclad and also from the Swedish man-of-war *Reya*. These boats rescued 180 persons, who are now on board various vessels. Many other who were rescued were lodged in the Government buildings on shore.

MONTREAL, March 17th. A private letter has been received here from a Government official at St. John, N. F., which says of the existing difficulties: "It is known that England has arrived at no agreement with France for the settlement of our difficulties, but instead has consented to arbitrate the question of French rights to build lobster factories on the coast, which never have been claimed by France, and that England has refused to ratify our commercial treaty with the United States. The day for reconciliation is now past, and a movement is now on foot, not for reciprocity, but for admission into the American Union. We have had too much experience with British injustice to seek more by entering into the Canadian federation. The people are not alone in this matter, but have the support of many members of both Governments. What is more, it is almost an open secret that the delegates now preparing to visit Washington will pour the feeling, and see whether the terms for this could be brought about."

MONACO, March 17th. The Englishman who, at Monte Carlo, twice broke the bank recently, yesterday won \$40,000, making him, he says, quits with the gambling palace. He adds he has hitherto been a loser, and accuses the bank of cheating. Various stories are in circulation in connection with the heavy losses lately sustained by the bank. It is said they are due to a regular system of play organized by a syndicate of wealthy Londoners. It is also asserted that the large stakes are all won by these individuals.

DUBLIN, March 17th. T. P. O'Connor has announced that he intends to actively oppose Parnell by all the legitimate means in his power. Archbishop Walsh has arrived in Rome. His visit was made at the request of the Pope, who desires to confer with him in regard to the attitude of the Irish Catholic Bishops in connection with political affairs in Ireland.

NEW YORK, March 17th. The German steamer *Italia*, hence for Copenhagen and Stettin, has returned on account of her shaft having broken. She arrived this morning. It was feared that she was lost. This afternoon Superintendent Mason of the assay office received a notice from the Director of the Mint that \$1,000,000 in gold bars ordered by the Mint for export were to be taken for export. This is the first time in eight years that the Government has refused to allow gold to be taken for export. Three years ago the assay office had \$90,000,000 in gold and silver bars behind its counters, but the steady drain for the last two years has reduced the stock to \$18,000,000, and the prospect of further depletion was plainly apparent. If the firms desire to ship gold, they will have to draw gold coin from the Sub-Treasury.

NANKING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) The ship *Leipzig* of the German squadron, accompanied by the *Siphia* and *Alexandria*, arrived here last Sunday afternoon. A number of Chinese men-of-war were anchored near the landing and received the visitors with an appropriate salute. On Monday the Admiral and his staff dined with the Acting Viceroy at the Hing-tai Yamen, his (present) residence. The Viceroy's palace is undergoing repairs in preparation for the coming of the newly appointed Governor-General. The yamens mentioned, however, is said by those present to have been elegantly furnished and the dinner all that could have been desired. The Viceroy was to have

To-day's
Advertisements.

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FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1891.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
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Steamers to ADEN, SUFZ, PORT SAID,
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rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.
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C. Gavazzo, Master, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 21st inst., at NOON.
At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in
Victoria Dock.
For further particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1891.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown
Land by Public Auction, to be held on
the spot, on MONDAY,
the 27th day of April, 1891, at 4 P.M.,
are published for general information.
By Command,
W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1891.

Particulars of the Public Auction Sale, to be
held on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1891,
at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in
the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Inland Lot	No. of Sale.	Locality.
Cross Lane, (Wanchai Road).	1251.	
		Boundary
		Measurements
		Contents
		Annual Rent
		Upset Price

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOS,
HARMONIUM, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 25th April, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
sharp, at the residence of A. HAHN, Esq.,
No. 25, Calne Road,
the WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
including

CRETONNE COVERED DRAWING-
ROOM SUITE, CENTRE and SIDETABLES,
PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, OVERMAN-
TELS, LACE CURTAINS, FENDERS and
IRONS, &c.
TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE
and CHAIRS, CROCKERY, GLASS and
PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, &c., GLASS
BACK SIDEBAR, WHATNOTS, ORNA-
MENTS, &c.
DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD, Marble-top
WASHING STAND and DRESSING TABLE,
WARDROBES, BED-ROOM FURNITURE,
&c.

SELF ACTING PARLOUR FOUNTAIN,
GRAND PIANO by Collard and Collard,
COTTAGE PIANO,
HARMONIUM,
&c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and
the above will be on view on Friday next.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1891.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on the Ground,
ON
THURSDAY NEXT,
the 25th April, 1891, at Noon.

The following TWO LOTS OF VALUABLE
LAND at Yau-mai, Kowloon, the property of
a gentleman leaving the Colony.
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 51, measuring 100
by 100=10,000 square feet.
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 60, measuring 100
by 100=10,000 square feet.
Each Lot has been levelled ready for building
upon.

The Crown Rent on each Lot is \$22.95 per
annum, and held under Crown leases dated 28th
February 1877, for 75 years.
Terms of Sale: half of the purchase money
immediately after the sale, and the balance on
completion of transfer.
A Steam Launch will leave Polder's wharf at
11.30 a.m. on day of sale to convey intending
purchasers to Yau-mai-ii.
For further particulars apply to the
Auctioneer.
E. JONES HUGHES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1891.

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FACTURERS and JEWELLERS,
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Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING."
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1891.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "FLINTSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,
AND STRAIT.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before noon, TO-MOR-
ROW.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st instant, will be sub-
ject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st
inst., or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891.

Intimations.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the above Company will be held at the Com-
pany's Office, No. 1, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 27th April,
1891, at 4 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution
which was passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held this day, the 8th
April, 1891, will be submitted for confirmation
as a Special Resolution:—

"To Cancel and eliminate from the Articles of
Association paragraph No. 2 of Article VI
and substitute the following in lieu
thereof:—

"That the Directors in meeting may increase
the Capital of the Company by the issue of
sixty thousand shares of One Dollar each,
and the Company in General Meeting may
from time to time increase its Capital by
the issue of shares to such further amount
and of such denomination, as the meeting
may determine."

"To cancel and eliminate from the Articles
of Association paragraph No. 1 of Article
XIII."

"That the Articles of Association be amended
by the addition of the following clause after
paragraph 11 of Sec. 16, viz.:—

"That the Directors may at their discre-
tion abandon or surrender the whole or any
portion of the Company's property, Sunghie
Dua Samantan, situated in the Malay State
of Pahang, on such terms and conditions as
they may deem fit."

"That it be an instruction to the Directors to
issue the new shares as preference shares,
and that the holders thereof be entitled to a
cumulative preferential dividend at the
rate of 12 per cent. per annum."

"That in the event of the Company being
wound up the holders of the said preference
shares shall be entitled to have the surplus
assets of the Company applied in the first
place to repaying to them of the amount
paid up on such preference shares, the
residue of such surplus assets shall belong
to and be divided among the ordinary
shareholders of the Company."

By Order of the Board,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1891.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS
are respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this HARBOUR some of the
COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand,
ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive
prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found
necessary, communication with the Undersigned
is requested, when immediate steps will be taken
to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th August, 1888.

JOHN AMBROSE CLARKE,
Teacher of Officers and Engineers,
No. 75, WYNDHAM STREET,
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CANDIDATES prepared for the MARINE
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Author of the "NEW NAVIGATION,"
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1891.

S. I. E. N. T. I. N. G.,
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TERMS VERY MODERATE,
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DENTISTRY.
FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP
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MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, ex New Issue, 108 per cent., premium, sellers.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue, 231 per cent., sellers.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue, 196 per cent., premium, sales and sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 275 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 per share, nominal.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$315 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$821 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$98 per cent., premium, sales and sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$131 per share, sales and buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$43 per share, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$300 per share, sales and sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$91 per share, sales and sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$90 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.
 Hoopong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$122 per share, ex div., sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sangleh Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, buyers.
 Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$121 per share, buyers.
 The Imperial Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$79 per share, buyers.
 Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—\$430 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$54 per share, sellers.
 The Sengul Koyah Planting Co., Limited—\$131 per share, buyers.
 Crickshaft & Co., Limited—\$35 per share, nominal.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.
 The China-Nomco Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$17 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$85 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$6 per share, buyers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
 The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$25 per share, sellers.
 The Lamag Planting Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$2 per share, buyers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.
 The Shamene Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, £180 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Limited—£15, sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—25 per cent. dis., sales and sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd., Founders' shares—\$400 per share, sales and sellers.

Exchange.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/11
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 3/97
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/00
 On India, T. T. 2/11
 On Demand 2/11
 ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 7/11
 Private, 30 days' sight 7/21

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 983, H. Dinsdale, 18th April—Singapore 12th April.
 PACIFIC American ship, 1,145, Wm. Beadle, 18th April—Shanghai 3rd April, Ballast—Russell & Co.
 KHIO, British steamer, 1,552, A. Tyson, 18th April—London 26th Feb., and Singapore 11th April, General—Russell & Co.
 AGALIA, German steamer, 1,666, E. Christensen, 18th April—Kobe 12th April, General—Stemmen & Co.
 HAILONG, British steamer, 78, Roach, 18th April—Tientsin 17th April, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 18th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 ACTIV, Danish steamer, 555, H. Hygem, 18th April—Hailong 14th April, Rika—A. R. Martz.
 GLENFRAV, British steamer, 1,936, E. Norman, 18th April—Wuhu 13th April, and Woonung 15th, Rika—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Singapore—Per *Agila* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Shanghai—Per *Oreilles* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Straits, Colombo, Bombay, and Trieste—Per *Maria Teresa* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne—Per *Changsha* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow—Per *Namoo* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ARRIVALS.
 ABEYSTINIA, British steamer, 2,44, J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., 1st April—Saloon 27th March, Rice—Kung Yuen.
 AMIOO, German steamer, 771, T. Bruhn, 9th April—Saloon 4th April, Rice and Paddy—Wilder & Co.
 AVONCHIE, British steamer, 1,055, T. Rowlin, 16th April—Saloon 12th April, Rice—Melchers & Co.
 CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,463, J. E. Williams, 15th April—Whampoa 15th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 3,125, R. R. Seale, 17th April—San Francisco 21st March, and Yokohama 11th April, Mail and General—P. M. S. S. Co.
 DECIMA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 17th April—Saloon 12th April, Rice—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 FAN, British steamer, 117, Lieut. Wm. G. Comley, R.N.R.—Hongkong Government tender.
 JOHANN, German steamer, 428, H. Blage, 16th April—Saloon 10th April, Rice—Wilder & Co.
 MARIA TERESA, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 3,100, R. Deperis, 13th April—Trieste 18th Feb., Bombay 24th March, and Singapore 7th April, General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 MARITIA, German steamer, 1,580, Abrenkel, 14th April—Shanghai and Wuhu, 8th April, Rice—Tong Tai Cheong & Co.
 MYRAMIDON, British steamer, 3,815, R. Nelson, 17th April—Liverpool 3rd March, and Singapore 11th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 NAMOO, British steamer, 853, Goddard, 17th April—Foolchow 12th April, Amoy 14th, and Swatow 16th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 NANSAN, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 14th April—Bangkok 6th April, Rice—Hop Hing Hong.
 PARTIA, British steamer, 3,035, John Pantou, R.N.R., 15th April—Saloon 11th April, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 SIKIT, British steamer, 1,716, J. Rowley, 17th April—Saloon 14th April, Rice and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 SURY WONGSE, German steamer, 513, J. R. V. Wil, 16th April—Bangkok 9th April, Rice—Wilder & Co.
 TAIKANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. Hoger, 15th April—Wuhu 10th April, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TELLOS, Norwegian str., 1,630, J. Amundsen, 16th April—Kutchinotzu 11th April, Coals—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 THANCE AV, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec.—Hailong 27th Dec.—Ballast—Chinese.
 WHITE HEATHER, British steam-yacht, 697, Calais, 17th April—Singapore 9th April.
RAILWAY VESSELS.
 ADOLPH OBRIG, American bark, 1,376, F. Carleton, 5th March—New York 31st August, Kerosene Oil—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
 DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. F. Moeller, 24th March—Hamburg 20th Oct., General—Stemmen & Co.
 ERKUNOCH, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hall, Stoaecutiers Island—Chinese Customs.
 HENDRICH, German bark, 923, F. H. Bannan, 22nd Feb.—Hamburg 20th Sept., General—Carlowitz & Co.
 JAPAN, Peruvian bark, 708, M. Janila, 17th Nov.—Callao (Peru) 30th August, General—Gonsalves & Co.
 JENNY, American schooner, 47, Baade, 9th Jan.—Yap 26th December, Beche-de-mer—Master.
 PENINSAR, British bark, 720, John Incey, 18th Feb.—Camaran (Philippines), 7th Feb., Timber—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 PRINCE, British bark, 450, C. Hansen, 7th April—Kemo 12th March, Rattan—Russell & Co.
 ORIENT, German bark, 461, H. R. Gontard, 6th April—Singapore 10th Feb., Timber—Wilder & Co.
 SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Muntz, 4th July—Saloon 27th June, Rice—Captain.
 WM. LE LACHEUR, British bark, 573, W. Auld, 7th March—Honolulu 21st January, Iron, Copper, &c.—Wing Wo Chan & Co.

Intimations.

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 12, D'AGUIAR STREET, HONGKONG.
 Sole Agents for China and Japan.
 Hongkong, 25th August, 1890. [369]

NOTICE.

JYVE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
 COMPANY, LIMITED.
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THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and Large Orders.
 Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board, London, says
 "It is the best Disinfectant in use."
 W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
 Bank Buildings.
 Hongkong, 10th June, 1888. [12]

NOTICE.

GRIFFITH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS
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 LIFE SIZED BUSTS in Colour, or Black & White.
 IVORY MINIATURES, &c., &c.
 NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG and the Coast Ports are always ready.
 Hongkong, 24th September, 1890. [58]

Intimations.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
 No. 39.
 WHAMPOA BARRIER (LITE-CHA)
 FILES CARRIED AWAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a number of piles on both sides of the passage through this Barrier having been carried away, Masters of Vessels are cautioned not to approach too near either of the lights, but steer a mid course through the opening.
 J. H. MAY,
 Harbour Master.

Approved
 F. E. WOODRUFF,
 Commissioner.
 Canton, 16th April, 1891. [597]

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO.
 AND
 THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
 STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO.
 WILL issue RETURN TICKETS to
 SHANGHAI by their steamers leaving
 on or about the 8th, 14th, and 22nd instant,
 available for return by either Line and allowing
 of one month's stay at Shanghai.
 FARES—First Saloon \$60.
 Second 40.
 Hongkong, 6th April, 1891. [514]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
 In the matter of the Estate of JOHN HENRY SMITH, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Storekeeper, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 9th August, 1891, the time for sending in claims against the said Estate.
 All Creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned before the said date and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.
 Dated this 14th day of April, 1891.
 WOTTON & DEACON,
 Solicitors for the Executors,
 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong. [581]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.

THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for inches, not 10st. 10lb. as heretofore.
 E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
 Clerk of the Course.
 Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [443]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned undertakes to produce First Class Photographs. Gentlemen wishing to patronize may have PROOFS OF PHOTOS sent to them for approval, and if not satisfied, no charge will be made.
 Cabinets (enamelled) \$5 a dozen.
 Cartes de Visite 1/6 a dozen.
 FUY WOO PHOTOGRAPHER,
 48, Queen's Road Central,
 (Top Floor of Teen Sing Bookbinders).
 Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [298]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED:
 SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$5,000,000.
 PAID UP CAPITAL 2,500,000.
 RESERVE FUND 1,250,000.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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 Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.
 LEE SING, Esq.
 S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
 J. S. MOSES, Esq.
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BANKERS.
 THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.
 Properties purchased and sold.
 Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.
 Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 12, D'Aguiar Street.
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